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LIMITS ON IMPORTATION OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

American sportsmen planning hunting trips to Canada or Mexico this fall to shoot ducks and geese must follow certain procedures if they wish to bring home migratory birds, the Fish and Wildlife Service stated today.

Birds brought or shipped from Mexico and Canada, if dressed, must have the head, head plumage, and feet attached. Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by provincial or dominion law. Shipments from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed for exporting birds.

During any calendar week within the dates of the open season in Canada or Mexico where killed, or a period of five days immediately after the close of that season, the following limits of migratory game birds lawfully taken and exported in accordance with the laws of Canada and Mexico may be imported:

Ducks (except American and red-breasted mergansers)--10, of which but one may be a wood duck.

American and red-breasted mergansers--no limit.

Eider ducks or scoters (sea coots)--14, singly, or in the aggregate.

Geese (except Ross' goose) and brant--6 in any combination, not exceeding two Canada geese (or its subspecies) or whitefronted geese and brant.

Coot--15.

Rails and gallinules (except sora)--15, of single species or in the aggregate.

Sora--25.

Woodcock--8.

Mourning doves and whitewinged doves--10, of single species or in the aggregate.

Band-tailed pigeons--10.

A hunter may not possess at any one time in the United States any game birds of the kinds stated above taken in and exported from Canada or Mexico in excess of these limits. The Federal regulations do not authorize importation into or possession of such birds where contrary to state laws.

Packages must be marked with name and address of shipper and consignee with an accurate statement of the number and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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